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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

For a Publick General Thanksgiving, throughout the Realm of *Scotland*.

CHARLES, by the grace of GOD, King of Scotland, England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and sundry Our good Subjects, Greeting; Forasmuch as Our Navy Royal, under the command of Our dearest Brother the Duke of York, hath, upon the third day of June last, obtained a glorious Victory over the Fleet set out by the States of the United Provinces: And we finding it suteable, that a solemn return of Praise be paid to Almighty GOD, by whose special Hand, and signal Appearance for Us and the justice of Our Cause, this great Salvation hath been wrought; have judged fit, by this Our Proclamation, to indict a general and publick Thanksgiving for the cause aforesaid. Our Will is therefore, and We straitly command and charge, that the said Thanksgiving and solemn Commemoration of the goodness of GOD, manifested by the conduct and management of this late Action, be religiously and solemnly observed through this Our whole Kingdom, upon the second Thursday of July next, being the thirteenth day thereof; Requiring hereby Our Reverend Archbishops and Bishops, to give notice of this Our Royal Pleasure to the Ministers in their respective Dioceses; and that upon the Lords-day immediatly preceding the said thirteenth day of July, they cause read this Our Proclamation from the Pulpit in every Parochi Kirk: And that they exhort all Our loving Subjects to a chearfull and devout performance of this so becoming a duty they owe to the Name of the LORD Our GOD, who has done these great and auspicious things for Us, and for the Honour and Interest of Our Kingdoms. Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the tenth day of June, and of Our Reign the seventeenth year.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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